

PRESIDENT HOOVER GREETED BY GOVERNOR FRANK G. ALLEN OF MASSACHUSETTS ARRIVAL IN BOSTON WHERE HE ADDRESSED AMERICAN LEGION AND A. F. OF



Others in the Group on the President's Left in the Picture, Besides Governor Allen, Who Stands Beside Him, Are Col. William M. Butler, Mrs. Hoover, Carrying Bouquet, and Edith Nourse Rogers, Congresswoman from Massachusetts.

TWO CITIES SEEK 1931 CONVENTION

Los Angeles and Detroit Representatives Make Bids Before Time, Place Committee.

PORTLAND, OR., WITHDRAWS

Decision on Choice Is Left to Vote by Delegates at Boston Convention

Boston, Oct. 7.—(AP)—The contest for the scene of the next national convention of the American Legion today narrowed to a fight between Los Angeles and Detroit. These two cities were the only ones to bid officially for the convention before the time and place committee. Baltimore made a bid for the convention of 1932 and Chicago for 1933.

As the Legion rules require a city bidding for the convention to present certified checks for a substantial amount, Portland, Ore., withdrew its bid for next year's convention. The Oregon representative explained his department had not prepared for such a condition.

Wilbur M. Brucker, Republican nominee for governor of Michigan and a convention delegate, presented Detroit's claims. He gave the committee a certified check for \$25,000 and exhibited a sheet of telegrams from citizens and organizations asking Detroit be chosen.

He had a letter from Mayor Frank T. Murphy, himself a Legionnaire, who plans to fly here tomorrow, asking for the convention for his city. Brucker showed an agreement signed by the Detroit Hotel Association promising sufficient housing facilities and no increase in rates.

He declared Detroit was the logical geographical choice and said it would be a central point for Legionnaires, whose financial condition would prevent a trip to the West coast.

Claims of Los Angeles were explained by John Quinn, past national Legion commander. He presented letters from John C. Austin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Pester and the City Council. He contended only twice has the convention been in any city other than those either adjacent to the Mississippi River or on the East coast. He said 64 delegates had come here from

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Rhode Island men and women will take part. United States Senator James H. McCall and Governor Norman S. Case, the latter a charter member of Providence Post No. 1, occupied front seats on the convention train. Governor Case was introduced as being one of several Legionnaire Buddy Governors at the convention.

Senator Metcalf, who motored here this morning, accompanied President Hoover as far as Providence on the President's train, which left this afternoon for King's Mountain, N. C., where the President tomorrow afternoon will speak at a celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary War.

Noted Fliers in Air Parade. This afternoon more than a half million persons turned out for an air parade in which some of America's most noted fliers participated. Paul Smith, a Legionnaire from Woonsocket, carried the name of the American Legion of Rhode Island aloft in the pages of a plane swooping over the city.

Late this afternoon and tonight Rhode Island delegates and alternates to the Legion and Auxiliary conventions were occupied with committee assignments. The committees will not work tomorrow, as everything in Boston will be at a standstill for the parade.

Pine resolutions, offered by the Rhode Island delegation to the Legion convention, were referred to the resolutions committee. With the exception of one resolution offered by Rhode Island, to provide a national celebration each year on the birthday of the late Woodrow Wilson, war president, it is not believed any of the Rhode Island resolutions actually will be reported out on the convention floor.

Want Veterans' Hospital. The other four resolutions, however, will be referred to permanent committees the Legion maintains in Washington, D. C. Among the resolutions from Rhode Island not likely to reach the convention floor are that a United States Veterans Bureau Hospital be constructed in the town of Cumberland; that the Government return to its former system of civil service ratings for veterans of the world war; that the con-

vention convention serving on committees this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow in preparation for reports to be made on the convention floor Wednesday are as follows: R. A. Wentworth, Providence, permanent organization; Frank Keele, Newport, resolutions; Department Commander Charles L. Woolley, Edgewood, internal organization; Roger Land, Olneyville, rules; Henry T. Samson, Providence, rehabilitation; Mrs. Olive E. Clark, Jamestown, child welfare; Past Department Commander Charles W. Anthony, Auburn, finance; Rev. Augustine McCormick, Woonsocket, Americanism; Henry T. Samson, Providence, foreign relations; Merrill Marry, Pawtucket, army; M. A. Moran, Block Island, navy, and J. G. Fitzpatrick, South Kingstown, air. The latter three are members of the national defense committee.

Other Legionnaires as well as Auxiliary workers from Rhode Island were busy this afternoon and tonight seeing the sights, shopping for souvenirs and attending many functions arranged for the pleasure of the thousands of visitors.

Veterans Have Reunions. The 303rd Engineers of the 70th Division, known as "Rhode Island's own," because the outfit was made up entirely of Rhode Islanders, are having a reunion.

More than 100 reunions of World War outfits also are being conducted as features of the convention. Among the principal reunions are those of various units with the famous "Yankee Division" that made history on the battlefields of France. A large number of the legionnaires from Rhode Island are Yankee Division men and are attending their divisional gatherings.

Percy J. Cantwell, American Legion Rehabilitation Secretary for the New England States to the United States Veterans' Bureau; James B. Littlefield, Providence attorney, and William Beecher, Edgewood, department rehabilitation officer for the Legion in Rhode Island, represented the State at a gathering here of more than 100 Legion rehabilitation workers from all sections of the United States. The rehabilitation workers are in charge of seeing that the United States Government carries out its obligations to the disabled American veterans of the World War.

After the parade tomorrow these arriving in special trains from Rhode Island will return about midnight to Providence, where special buses will be

waiting at Union Station to take them to their homes in various sections of the State.

HOOVER'S SPECIAL MAKES STOP HERE

Train Halted on Way to Hub, but Speeds Past on Return Trip

The special train carrying President Hoover and Mrs. Hoover to Boston made a short stop at the Union station yesterday morning, and about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the same train passed through Providence on the return trip. Between the two times he passed through the city, the Chief Executive addressed the conventions of the American Legion and the American Federation of Labor in Boston.

About 500 persons saw the President and Mrs. Hoover during the five-minute stop made yesterday morning to allow former Senator William M. Butler of Massachusetts, again a Republican candidate for the Senate, to board the train. Mr. Butler conferred with the President during the run to Boston.

Mr. Hoover made two appearances on the rear platform of the last car, which was reserved for the Chief Executive and his wife. When the train started to move out of the station, Mr. Hoover reappeared, this time accompanied by Mrs. Hoover. They did not re-enter the car until the train had left the station. Both times the President was cheered by a group waiting for a train on an adjoining track, and the cheering was taken up by the crowd which lined the fence separating the track from the station platform.

Elaborate precautions were taken to guard the presidential train along the route from New York to Boston, and a detail of railroad policemen and Providence policemen provided protection at the station, keeping all except Mr. Butler, newspapermen and photographers off the platform. Secret service operatives were stationed at both entrances to the President's private car.

BLOW TORCH CAUSES FLAZE

A blow torch, used by plumbers in the bathroom of the cottage house at 118 Culla street, set the house afire yesterday. Discovery of the blaze, smoldering under the floor, was made in time to prevent serious damage. Some 15 was called by telephone alarm. The house is owned and occupied by Margaret Healey.